



Lafayette

Public Meetings

City Council
Monday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission
Monday, Jan. 5, 7 p.m.
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School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District
Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Stanley Library
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

City of Lafayette:
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Meet the Mayor for 2015 – Brandt Andersson

By Cathy Tyson



In the library's Community Hall, Linnea, new mayor Brandt, Patricia and Erik Andersson celebrate with chocolate cake. Photo Cathy Tyson

This year's mayor looks surprisingly like the 2010 mayor. The five members of the Lafayette City Council rotate the mayor-ship, so Brandt Andersson once again wields the seldom used gavel. He's been serving on the council for a total of 10 years and was recently reappointed for another four-year term, along with Council Member Don Tatzin, at the Dec. 8 council meeting. Look for him, and the other four volunteer members who compose the city

council, at two usually lengthy Monday evening meetings per month, until the end of 2018. Traci Reilly will be the vice mayor – or as she calls it, the “understudy” – for 2015. Andersson recalls three very big issues the council was wrestling with five years ago – the downtown specific plan, road repair and the budget. Now the specific plan is complete; road repair, which overwhelmed the city for decades, has now reached a manageable level and

should be substantially complete in the next five or so years; and the budget is on very solid ground. He will face more public hearings in the coming year about the revised Terraces of Lafayette project as it moves through the city's review process. Earlier this year the proposed project, now 44 single-family homes with a portion of the property near Acalanes High School slated for a public soccer field, tot lot, parking area and

multi-purpose path, took the first of many steps –focusing on the draft environmental impact report; as the year progresses, it will move on to public hearings on the merits of the project. The mayor and city council members also give direction to staff who maintain the day to day operations that keep the city running, conveniently identified as the four P's – police, public works, parks and planning. Andersson sees a bit of tension between what residents want and what the city can provide. “Lafayette incorporated as a low tax, limited service city, but there always seems to be a demand for more services.” He notes that there are scores of volunteers who donate their time helping on a variety of commissions and committees from downtown street improvements to the Public Art Committee and the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission. In the coming year he would like to provide more support to volunteers, beyond the very basic date and times of meetings. “Although we are blessed with citizens with a remarkable breadth of knowledge and expertise, cities don't always operate in the same way that businesses or other institutions do.” ... continued on next page

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